COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, *the* *20th of Karkadagam 1103.*

4th of August 1928.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Diwan-President in the Chair. Messrs. S. S. Koder, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, K. T. Mathew and A. B. Salem were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Election expenses.

51. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a list of the total expenditure incurred by each of the candidates of the last Council election?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—A list containing the information so far received is placed on the Council Table.

Special Finance Committee.

52. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(1) did the Committee submit their report; if so, when;

(2) whether the Government have passed orders on it;

(3) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table the report and the Government orders thereon?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) Yes. On 11th April 1928.

(2) No.

(3) A copy of the report is placed on the Table.

53. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the report of the Special Finance Committee will be placed before the House for discussion;

(b) what are the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee as regards the pay and the classification of the Heads of Departments;

(c) whether the Committee is unanimous with regard to this matter;

(d) whether the Government has any objection to defer passing orders on this matter after ascertaining the views of the Legislative Council;

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(e) whether a copy of the report be placed on the Table of this House?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes. Government propose to give an opportunity to the Members to express their views during this session.

(b) The Member is referred to the report, a copy of which has already been supplied to him.

(c) Vide answer to (b).

(d) Vide answer to (a). Orders will be deferred till hen.

(e) Yes.

54. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who were the members of the Special Finance Committee and what were their qualifications; of these who were the members in the service of the Government and what were the offices which they were occupying;

(b) for what purpose is Mr. Sesha Ayyar placed on special duty in connection with the report of the Special Finance Committee; what are his qualifications;

(c) has Mr. Sesha Ayyar submitted his report over the report of the Committee; if so, what is the report?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to the D. P. No. C. 89/1101, dated 7th April 1926, published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 10th April 1926.

(b) The Member is referred to the D. P. No. C. 89/1101, dated 19th March 1928, published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 5th May 1928.

(c) Vide answer to (b) above. No report is due from him.

55 Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the report of the Special Finance Committee was received by them;

(2) what steps have been taken to give effect to the recommendations contained therein;

(3) whether the view of the Heads of Departments or other officers of Government have been ascertained in regard to the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee; if so, what those views are and by whom they were made;

(4) whether the Diwan or any of the Heads of Departments have recommended the acceptance of any of the proposals of the Special Finance Committee; if so, what were the proposals which were so recommended?

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